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Amy Boone / Valerie Termini,

I write in response to reading the 27 page Draft [WCGA Discussion Paper & Assessment of Possible Actions](#) dated March 15, 2007.

I would like to thank the three West Coast Governors and their State governments for initiating this "Agreement on Ocean Health" and setting out such a comprehensive list of priorities. We are indeed privileged to live and work on such a wonderful coastline and we all need to do what we can to protect it.

Our company, Marina Accessories, Inc., (MAI), is both an Original Equipment Manufactures and reseller of repair parts and accessories to marinas and port authorities throughout the USA and exports to Canada, Mexico and beyond. We are in daily contact with marina owners, managers and workers around the country and along the coastlines of North America that include the States of California, Oregon and Washington. We are proud to say that for the most part we find these people to be environmentally driven to operate clean marinas because it is the right thing to do and it is ultimately better for their bottom line.

While this WCGA Draft interests us as individuals concerned with the health of our environment, I have to confess it has a commercial interest for us as well.

I would like to introduce you to the "**Trash Skimmer**", a piece of equipment that removes all manner of floating debris from waterways, marinas and the like. Powered by electric pumps, the Trash Skimmer works non-stop, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, collecting floating debris & oil sheen from surrounding waters driven by tides and natural flows. The **Trash Skimmer** is the brainchild of Louis Pasoz, a California native whose passion for the ocean and dismay at the growing amount of debris he saw while surfing drove him to it's design. Mr. Pasoz and his company Applied Water Technology, (AWT), worked on the project for a number of years before approaching us to assist in bringing it to market.

After some 18 months of testing and refinement we are truly impressed with the **Trash Skimmer's** ability to quietly gather debris in an ongoing basis and keep large areas of water surface trash free. MAI & AWT have decided we are ready to move into our first production run and have a number of marinas and port authorities expressing interest in purchasing the Trash Skimmer.

I think the **Trash Skimmer** can truly benefit the WCGA in it's 1st priority; "Ensuring clean coastal waters and beaches". As well it can serve as a monitor to gauge the progress of the other six priorities listed.

We would be please to be able to participate in this Ocean Health initiative in any way we can.

Regards,

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